

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-39 are pending in the application, with 1, 17, 33, 36, and 37 being the independent claims. The specification has been amended to include a claim to priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/226,092, filed August 18, 2000. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The amendments made herein introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with markings to show changes made

Paragraph [0001] has been added.

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